

**UTILITY PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Sir:

[] Applicant(s) hereby request(s) that the above-captioned application **NOT BE PUBLISHED** under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.211. The undersigned hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

[] Applicant(s) suggest(s) Figure __ for inclusion on the front page of the patent application publication and patent.

Also enclosed are:

[X] 4 sheet(s) of [X] formal [] informal drawing(s);

[X] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 is [X] hereby made to 2000-188667 filed in Japan on June 23, 2000;

[] in the declaration:

[] a certified copy of the priority document;

☐ a General Authorization for Petitions for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees;

[X] an Assignment document;

[] an Information Disclosure Statement:

[] a patent application bibliographic data sheet; and

[] Other: _____

☒ An ☒ executed ☐ unexecuted declaration of the inventor(s)

[X] also is enclosed [] will follow.

[] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 to __ filed in __ on __; the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--

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--This application is a continuation of International Application No. _ filed on _, which International Application [] was [] was not published by the International Bureau in English on _.--

[] Small entity status is hereby claimed.



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☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows [] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00 (101)
Total Claims	23	MINUS 20 =	3	× \$18.00 (103) =	54.00
Independent Claims	4	MINUS 3 =	1	× \$80.00 (102) =	80.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$270.00 (104)					000.00
Total Application Fee					844.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					000.00
Add Assignment Recording Fee \$ if Assignment document is enclosed					40.00
TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE					884.00

- [] This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 884.00 is enclosed for the fee due.
- [] Charge \$ _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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